

REMARKS

In the outstanding official action, claim 1 was objected to because of the noted informality. In response, claim 1 is herewith amended in order to correct the noted informality in the manner suggested in the Action, and it is respectfully submitted that this claim is now in proper form.

In response to the objection to the specification for failing to include headings, such headings have not been provided as they are not required in accordance with MPEP §608.01(a).

On the merits, claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being unpatentable over Ihara in view of Song et al, for the reasons of record. At the outset it is noted that paragraph 6 of the Action appears on its face to be a §102(e) anticipation rejection as being unpatentable over two references in combination. In order to advance prosecution, this rejection will be responded to as an obvious rejection under §103, but it is respectfully requested that this ambiguity be corrected in the next Action, and that the next action be made non-final for this reason.

In the Action with respect to claim 1, it was suggested that Ihara discloses the general structure of the instant invention, but admittedly does not disclose the common electrode on the second substrate being utilized to provide electrical connection between the one conductor line and at least one other circuit element

carried on the first substrate. This admitted deficiency is suggested to be overcome by Song, which is suggested to disclose the common electrode being connected to at least one other circuit element on the second substrate.

In response, independent claim 1 is herewith amended to more particularly and precisely recite the novel and unobvious features of the instant invention, and it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as herewith amended, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references for the reasons detailed below.

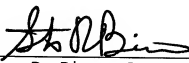
As herein amended, claim 1 now more specifically recites that the common electrode on the second substrate is connected electrically to at least one conductor line on the first substrate and the common electrode on the second substrate is utilized to provide electrical connection between the one conductor line and at least one other circuit element carried on the first substrate to reduce a resistance of the electrical connection. Since neither of the cited and applied references recognize the specific purpose and improvement of the instant invention (specifically, paragraph 0025, cited in the Action does not contain this subject matter) there is no apparent reason to combine the teachings of the two cited and applied references absent the benefit of impermissible hindsight derived from the instant disclosure.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent

claim 1, as herewith amended, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references, and are therefore now in condition for allowance.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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